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SUBJECT: AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN SAIGON

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1. THE QUAI DESK OFFICER FOR VIETNAM RECENTLY SHOWED
EMBOFF A LETTER FORWARDED BY THE FRENCH CONGEN IN SAN
FRANCISCO FROM SEATTLE LAWYER MR. JAMES MANNING, 2518 NE
143RD STREET, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. THE LETTER, WHICH IS
DATED JULY 28, 1976, CONCERNS THE DEPENDENTS OF THE LATE
RICHARD SCOTT MCCONNELL, AMCIT ACCIDENTLY KILLED IN
KINSHASA ON MAY 30, 1975. ACCORDING TO THE LETTER,
MCCONNELL'S WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY IN
SAIGON, VIETNAM, BUT WISH TO EMIGRATE TO THE U.S.
MANNING, WHO IS THE EXECUTOR OF MCCONNELL'S ESTATE,
NOTES THAT INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS ACCRUING TO
MCCONNELL'S HEIRS WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR
HIS FAMILY. IN HIS LETTER MANNING REQUESTS FRENCH
ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING MCCONNELL'S FAMILY WITH DOCU-
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MENTATION NECESSARY FOR THEM TO OBTAIN EXITS PERMITS

FROM THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. MANNING INDICATES THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT HE DOES NOT CLEARLY STATE THAT HE HAS CONTACTED ANYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING MCCONNELL'S FAMILY.

2. THE LETTER NOTES THAT MCCONNELL HAS THE FOLLOWING DEPENDENTS IN SAIGON, RESIDING AT 38/22 TRAN KHAC TRAN: NGUYEN THI TAM, WIFE; NGUYEN SON MCCONNELL, SON, 14 YEARS OLD; NGUYEN THI THUY MCCONNELL, DAUGHTER, 12 YEARS OLD; NGUYEN SAT TEA MCCONNELL, SON, 11 YEARS OLD; NGUYEN THU MCCONNELL, DAUGHTER, SEVEN YEARS OLD; NGUYEN HAI MCCONNELL, SON, FIVE YEARS OLD. IN ADDITION, THE LETTER INDICATES THAT MANNING HAS A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS SUBSTANTIATING MCCONNELL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING A VIETNAMESE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, A NOTARIZED TRANSLATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PREPARED BY THE US CONSULATE IN DANANG, AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR NGUYEN HAI MCCONNELL AND NGUYEN THU MCCONNELL.

3. AS NONE OF THE ABOVE NAMES APPEARS ON THE LISTS OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS CURRENTLY IN VIETNAM (REFS B AND C), WE FORWARD THEM FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN LATER LISTS.

4. MCCONNELL'S DEATH NO DOUBT ACCOUNTS IN PART FOR THE FACT THAT HIS FAMILY IS NOT LISTED AMONG AMERICAN

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DEPENDENTS CURRENTLY IN VIETNAM, AND IT WILL PRESUMABLY
CREATE PROBLEMS WHICH WILL AFFECT IMMIGRATION TO THE US
OF WIFE AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP.
THE QUAI OFFICIAL INDICATED, AS THE FRENCH HAVE CON-
SISTENTLY DONE, THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO
ASSIST IN ANY WAY IT CAN TO ASSURE THE EMIGRATION OF
AMERICAN DEPENDENTS FROM VIETNAM. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
DOES REQUIRE, HOWEVER, SOME INDICATION OF THE NUMBERS
INVOLVED, IDENTITIES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS (AND VIET-
NAMESE RELATIVES), A FAIRLY SPECIFIC USG REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE, AND A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY
OF IMMIGRATION TO THE US FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT
HAVE US NATIONALITY. IN LIGHT OF FRENCH REQUEST FOR
IDENTITIES, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AN EXHAUSTIVE
NAME LIST WOULD FACILITATE FRENCH COOPERATION; LISTS WE
HAVE SEEN TO DATE ARE FRAGMENTARY AND DO NOT INCLUDE
EVEN NAMES OF CHILDREN OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE CONTACTED
THE DEPARTMENT (SUCH AS CHILDREN OF WILLIAM CLYDE
DAVIS, WHO ALSO CONTACTED EMBASSY PARIS).

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5. AS REQUESTED REFTEL A, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCC-
SINCE NONE WERE INCLUDED FOR PARIS IN REF D.

6. FOR KINSHASA, PLS ADVISE IF MCCONNELL FILED VISA
PETITIONS FOR WIFE AND CHILDREN AT YOUR OFFICE AND IF
SO, WHAT IS THEIR DISPOSITION?
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